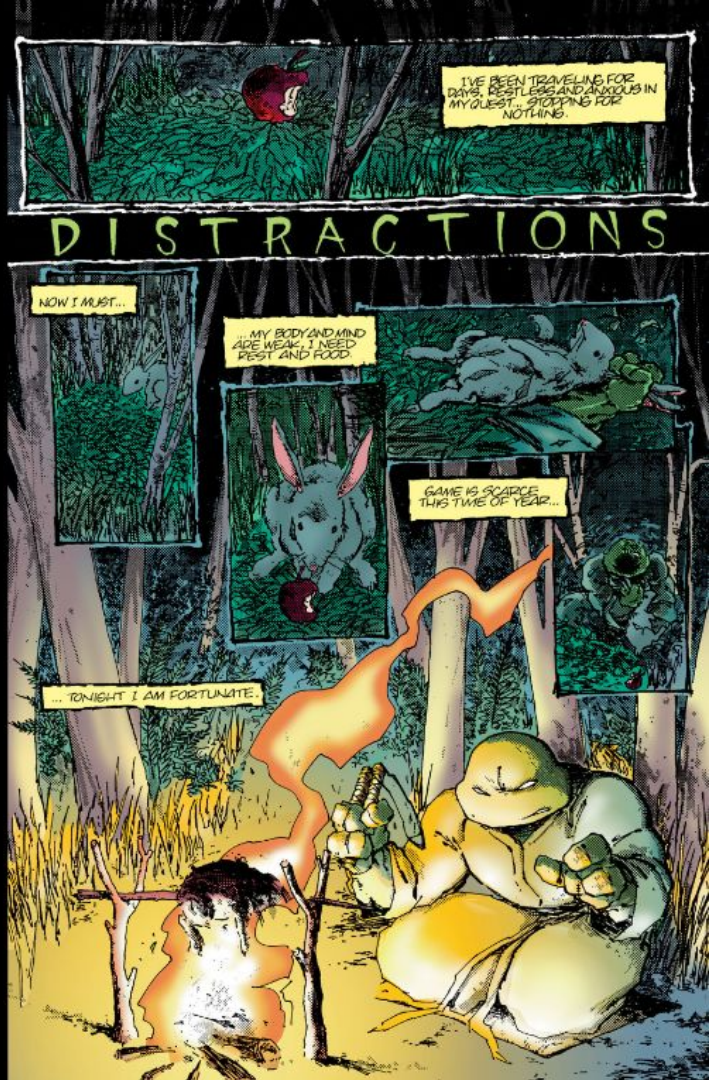
EASTMAN AND LAIRD'S TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES®

DISTRACTIONS


I'VE BEEN TRAVELING FOR DAYS. RESTLESS AND ANXIOUS IN MY QUEST... STOPPING FOR NOTHING.
NOW I MUST...
...MY BODY AND MIND ARE WEAK. I NEED REST AND FOOD.
GAME IS SCARCE THIS TIME OF YEAR...
...TONIGHT I AM FORTUNATE.

CRUNCH
RUSTLE
SNAP
KRACK
CREAK
SNAP
KRACK
SNAP
CREAK
KRACK
FATHER--!
FORGIVE OUR INTRUSION... WE MEAN YOU NO HARM!
WE ARE... TRAVELERS, LIKE YOURSELF.
MY BOY SAKAI...
MY DAUGHTER TAI...
... AND I AM TOSHIRO.
I AM MICHAELANGELO. PLEASE, SHARE MY FIRE AND FOOD.
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WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
WE PLAN TO VISIT OUR COUSINS, IN KYOTO. JUST NORTH OF HERE. THERE HAS BEEN TROUBLE IN OUR PROVINCE... IT WAS NOT SAFE TO STAY.
AND YOU?
I AM LOOKING FOR MY BROTHERS. WE WERE SEPARATED WHEN WE FIRST CAME HERE.
WE WISH YOU LUCK, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS. OUR JOURNEY IS LONG, AND TIME IS SHORT... WE MUST DEPART.
I ENJOYED THE COMPANY...
...SAFE TRAVELS TO YOU.
AND TO YOU, MY FRIEND.
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BYE...
I GUESS I SHOULD BE MOVING ON ALSO.
NICE FAMILY... AND TA!-- SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL!
HORSES!
KER-KLOP
KER-KLOP
KER-KLOP
KER-KLOP
KER-KLOP
THEY SEEM TO BE IN A HURRY, TOO!
4

THE FAMILY--!!
5

FATHER, I HEAR SOMETHING...
HORSES!
TACHI...
KLOP
KLOP
KLOP
KLOP
KLOP
YOU OLD FOOL!
YOU HAVE SHAMED MY FATHER AND ME IN FRONT OF OUR PEOPLE, AND DISHONORED YOURSELF BY RUNNING—THE DAIMYO DEMANDS YOUR HEAD!
KILL LORD TOSHIRO AND THE WHELP! THE GIRL IS MINE!!!
SNIF!
6.

NO!
CHUD
CHUD
7.

NOOOO...
FATHER!!!
CHUNK
YOUR INTERFERENCE WILL COST YOU YOUR LIFE, NINJA!
I HAVE MY BRIDE. BUT I WILL RETURN FOR YOU, OLD MAN--I WILL BE YOUR END!

BRIDE?!
THAT'S TACHI, DAIMYO ORICAI'S SON--MY DAUGHTER IS BEING FORCED TO MARRY THAT DEMON!
MY RULE OF THIS PROVINCE WOULD END WITH THEIR MARRIAGE AND MY DEATH... GIVING TACHI COMPLETE CONTROL OF MY LANDS.
THE JOINING OF THE TWO PROVINCES WOULD GIVE LORD ORICAI TWICE AS MUCH FARM-LAND AND PEOPLE TO EXPLOIT.
HIS BLOODY QUEST FOR POWER SHALL KILL US ALL!
THAT IS NOT RIGHT...
...HE MUST BE STOPPED! HIDE YOURSELF--I WILL RETURN YOUR DAUGHTER TO YOU.

LATER...
I FOLLOWED THEIR TRACKS DEEP INTO LORD OKKAI'S PROVINCE.
...NOW, I NEED ANOTHER DISGUISE TO PURSUE THEM FURTHER.
YOU KNOW THE LAW, PEASANT... NO ONE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE CITY AFTER SUNSET!
I AM ILL AND SLOW. THE GUARDS MADE ME WORK LATE TO MAKE UP FOR--
BEGONE, PEASANT! A NIGHT IN THE WOODS WILL INSPIRE YOU TO WORK HARDER! HA!
WHAP
THUNK
CHUD
I HAVE NEED OF YOUR HAT.
10

MY BLADE DRANK DEEP THAT DAY. I'LL TELL YOU, ALL FIVE OF THE EMPEROR'S BEST FOUND THEIR END.
HA, HA, HA... YOU'RE A DRUNK AND A LIAR, SHIJIMO! HA, HA!
HERE'S TO A GOOD STORY, ANYWAY-- HAHA!
AHAH... BUSH, IT IS LATE, AND I HAVE DUTIES IN THE MORNING...
I BID YOU GOOD NIGHT.
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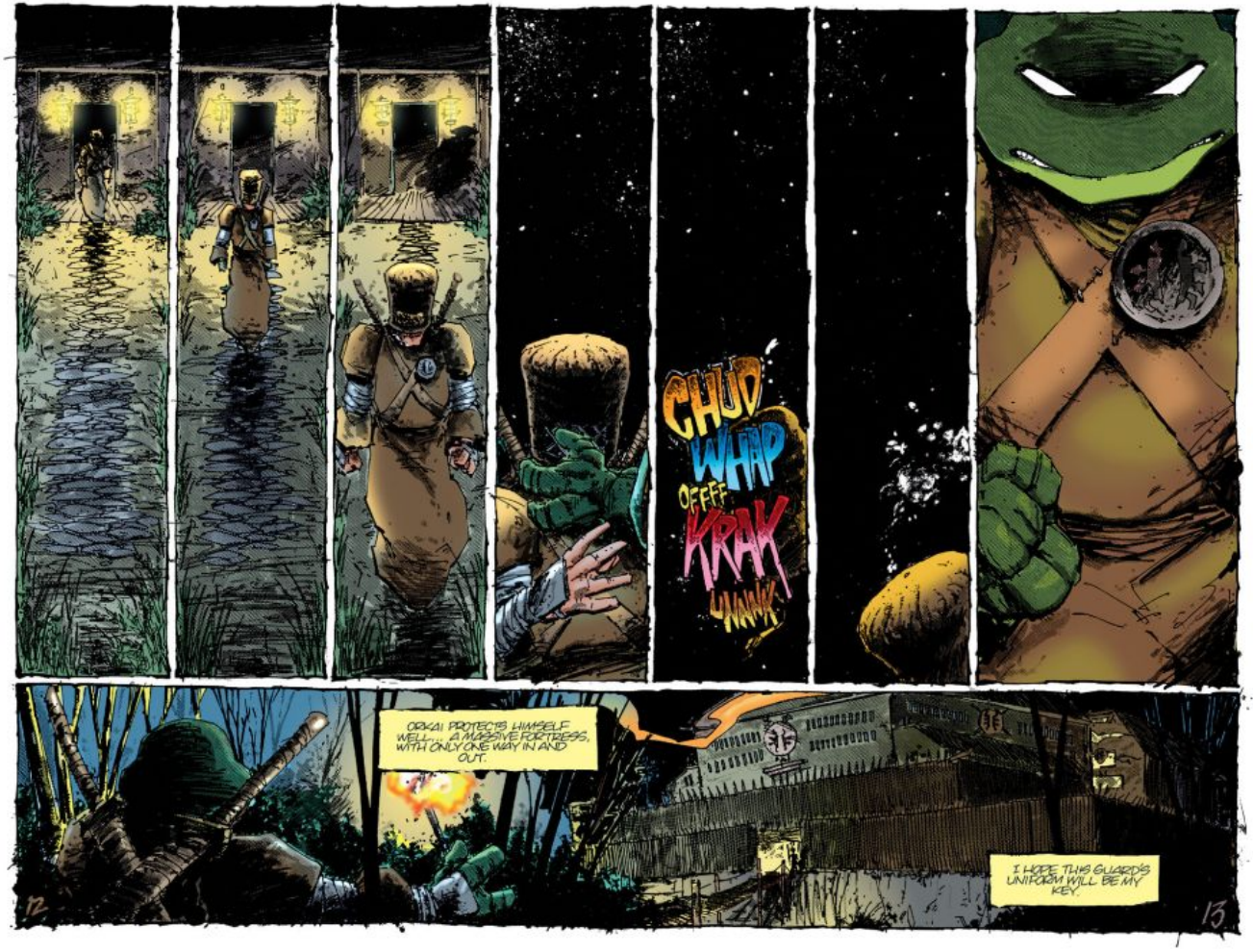
CHUD
WHAP
OFFFF
KRAK
UNNNK
ORKAI PROTECTS HIMSELF WELL... A MASSIVE FORTRESS, WITH ONLY ONE WAY IN AND OUT.
I HOPE THIS GUARD'S UNIFORM WILL BE MY KEY.
12
13

HALT! WHERE'S YOUR HELMET, SOLDIER?!
WAIT A MINUTE-- I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOU--
DOES THIS HELP?!
SORRY ABOUT THE HAT...
...I'LL JUST BORROW YOURS.
14

YOU HAVE FAILED ME, TACHI-- WHERE IS THE HEAD OF LORD TOSHIRO?!
THERE WAS A WARRIOR--A NINJA-- WHO AIDED THEM... HE KILLED MY GUARDS IN SECONDS! I THOUGHT IT BEST TO RETURN WITH PRINCESS TAI...
COWARD-- YOU SHOULD HAVE KILLED HIM YOURSELF! YOU DISHONOR ME AS WELL!
LORD TOSHIRO SHALL PERISH BY MY OWN HAND--
DO NOT MOCK ME!
YOUR INCOMPETENCE SPEAKS ENOUGH!-- TOMORROW MORNING YOU MARRY PRINCESS TAI AND THE EXECUTIONER KILL-- SEE TO LORD TOSHIRO.
LEAVE ME!
YES, FATHER.
15

I AM CLOSE NOW -- SHE'S HERE.
CRUNCH!
THESE CATACOMBS ARE ENDLESS... BUT THIS WAY, I FEEL HER PRESENCE.
GAH, WHAT A STENCH... MANY HAVE PERISHED HERE.
THEY WOULD PUT HER HERE...
UHMMM...
MICHAELANGELO!

TAI -- ARE YOU HURT?!
I AM UNHARMED. MY FATHER AND BROTHER, ARE THEY...
THEY ARE SAFE.
YOU CAME FOR ME--?
OH, NO... CHOKE!
YES.
STAND BACK - I'M GOING TO TRY TO GET THROUGH THIS DOOR!
GRAAHHH!
TAI, GET BACK!

KTCHAAAK
EEEEE!!
AARRRR...
KILL!
NOT TODAY, CREEP...
...NOT EVER!!
18.

CHUNK KHIK
RUN, TAI... I'LL CATCH UP...
IN A MINUTE...
...OR TWO!
RAHHGG!
19.

NOOOO!!!
LOST, PRETTY ONE?
SURELY...
YOU WERE NOT...
...LEAVING...
OHHHHH...

WE SHOULD KILL HER NOW, AND JUST TAKE LORD RAHAN'S PROVINCE BY FORCE!
PATIENCE, TACHI... YOU WILL GET YOUR WISH, AFTER THE MARRIAGE.
A VIOLENT TAKE OVER WOULD DRAW ATTENTION... OUR PLANS MUST CONTINUE UN-NOTICED... FOR NOW!!
AHHH... YOUR LOVELY BRIDE WAITS.
WELCOME TO OUR HUMBLE HOME... I HOPE OUR HOSPITALITY PLEASES YOU.
I DO LOOK FORWARD TO LIVING YOU AS A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW!
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NEVER-- I WOULD RATHER DIE FIRST!
I'M SURE THAT COULD BE ARRANGED...
WE ANXIOUSLY AWAIT THAT MOMENT.
PTHEW
MASTER...
22.

I'VE COME FOR THE PRINCESS...
SHAR
YOU!!
IMPRESSIVE TO SEE YOU HAVE MADE IT THIS FAR, NINJA...
BUT NOW YOU HAVE BEGUN TO ANNOY ME....
I HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED YET!
GGGRONWLLLL...
23.

FACE ME--
CHUNK
NOW YOU MUST FIGHT A SAMURAI!
UGK!

ONE SIDE, BUB-- PRINCESS TAI IS MINE!
UNCLE DOG!--YOU'LL RUIN EVERYTHING!
WE'RE OUTTA HERE!
YOU WILL PAY FOR THIS--- PAINFULLY! THERE IS NO ESCAPE! GUARDS!!
GUARDS!!!

UH, OH...
STAY BACK!
QUICKLY--
TO THE BRIDGE!
WE'LL LOSE THEM IN THE CITY!
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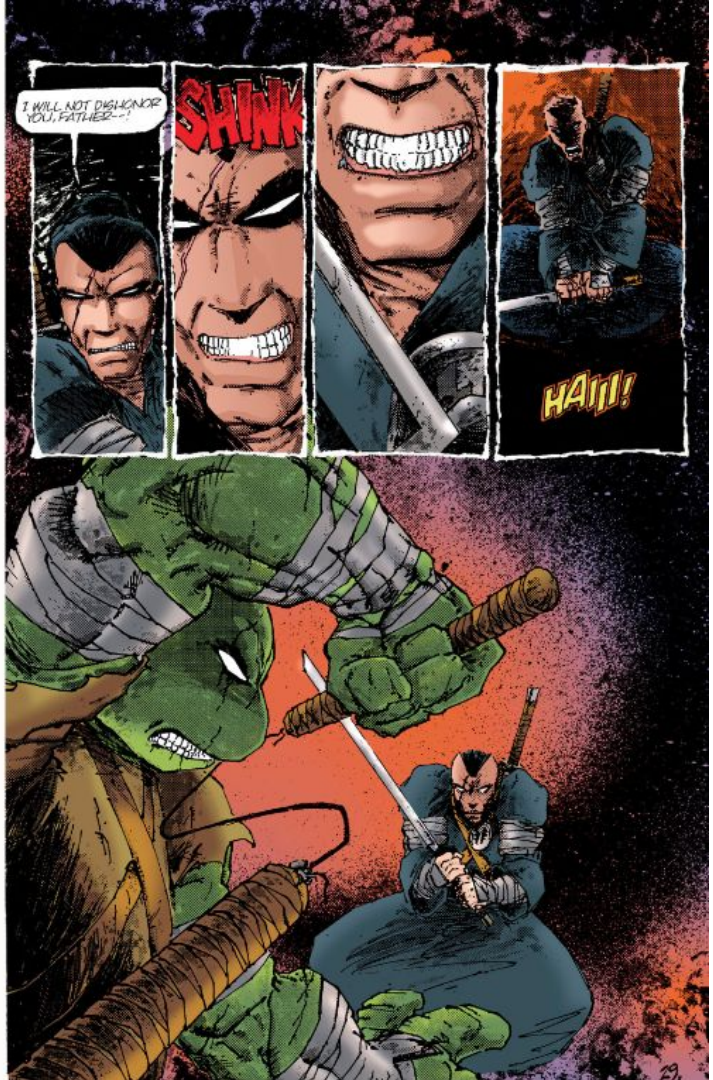
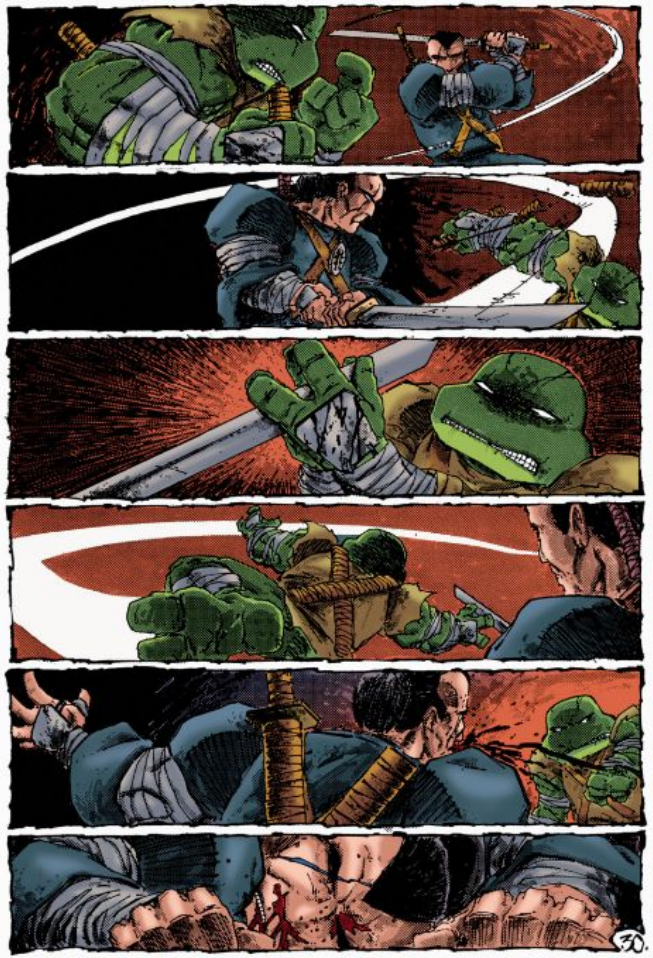
RUN!!
WE'RE TRAPPED!
THIS WON'T BE AS EASY AS I THOUGHT...
NOW, YOU BOTH SHALL DIE!
HAD TO HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER--
LET'S GO, CHUMP!!
27

DO NOT FAIL ME THIS TIME, TACHI!
THIS MADNESS WILL CEASE!!
HEAR ME, DAIMYO ORKAI-- IT IS I, LORD TOSHIRO.
I SPEAK FOR ALL THE PEOPLE HERE MINE AND YOURS...
YOUR EVIL RULE MUST END. WE ARE WILLING TO DIE FOR THIS CAUSE!
OH, FATHER!!
STUPID OLD FOOL-- MY GUARD WILL TEAR YOU TO SHREDS!
TACHI, KILL THEM!!!


I WILL NOT DISHONOR YOU, FATHER--!
SHINK
HAIII!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IT'S OVER, ORKAI.
MY SON--?!
YOU BOTH ARE BANISHED FROM OUR LAND. YOUR RETURN IS PUNISHABLE BY DEATH.
THIS IS OUR LAW... THE PEOPLES LAW.
WE ARE FREE OF THE PLAGUE THAT CURSED THIS LAND. AT LAST WE SHALL HAVE OUR PEACE. WILL YOU STAY WITH US?
A MOST PLEASING THOUGHT...
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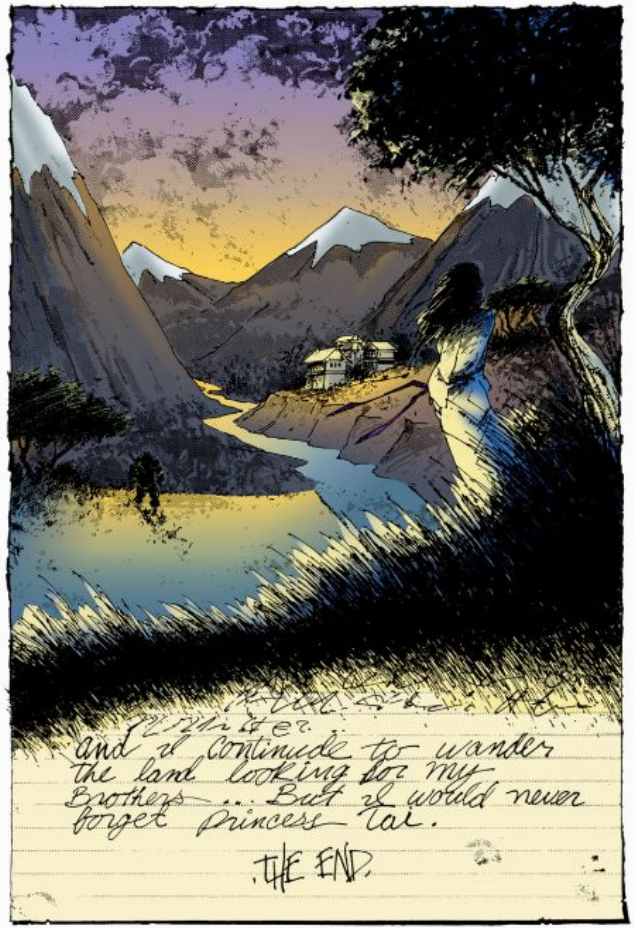
WHY MUST YOU LEAVE? YOU'VE DONE SO MUCH FOR OUR PEOPLE... THEY LOOK UP TO YOU...
...I LOOK UP TO YOU. WON'T YOU STAY... PLEASE, FOR ME?
PRINCESS... TAI... I WISH I COULD.
BUT I CANNOT... I MUST KEEP SEARCHING FOR MY BROTHERS.
TOGETHER, WE MUST RETURN TO OUR HOME. I'M SORRY...
I'LL MISS YOU... MICHAELANGELO.


and I continue to wander the land looking for my Brothers... But I would never forget Princess Tai.
THE END.

IM OUTTA HERE!
MELTING
EASTMAN•TALBOT
WELL, THAT'S THE STORY SO FAR. WHAT DO YOU THINK KLUNK-- TOO CORNY?